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TO : Director of Training ~~EYES ONLY~~

DATE: 7 January 1960

FROM : Chief, School of International Communism
and the USSRSUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 1
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. SIC has been contacted every day this week by the Air Command and Staff College. It seems that [] had accepted an invitation to give the wrap-up presentation in the College's Communism course and at the last moment has pulled out without either providing or suggesting an alternate. As seems to be the normal procedure now, particularly at Maxwell, in their desperation the staff officers involved, who through no fault of their own know very little about either the subject or the people in the field, have turned to us for suggestions. There appears to be a considerable difference between the financial capabilities of the Air War College and the Command and Staff College. When the War College asked us for suggestions there were no limitations - they were prepared to pay for the most competent or best known speakers. When the Command and Staff College asks us they are apparently limited to government personnel. We did provide some suggestions, but I have a suspicion that in this situation I may be asked to do the job since I will be there anyway to present the penultimate lecture of the course on the same day, 5 February. We're still awaiting a final decision.

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2. After my presentation in FSI's EOD course on Tuesday morning I collared [] the course director, and tried to persuade him that in fairness to both his course and to us who were participating in it there should be much more coordination and discussion of course objectives and scheduling. As you probably recall, for the past year we have not been directly concerned in this course since the EOD's have been attending [] Communism seminar. This solution is apparently now considered to be unsatisfactory and a Communist bloc of instruction is again being scheduled within the EOD course itself. I hope we'll be able to make some progress in correcting some of the more glaring administrative laxities which seem to crop up so frequently at FSI. In this present running of the EOD course the only other speaker

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on the subject was [redacted] whose subject was "Communist Organisation and Strategy." This again could reflect some discredit on the Agency because, while [redacted] probably stimulates them much more than most of the speakers, he gave very concrete evidence the last time he spoke in one of SIC's courses that he was several years out of date in so far as Communist organizational developments were concerned. Several of the students in the class had enough background in the subject to be aware of this time-lag [redacted] has not corrected it.

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With reference to this same problem we are having a conference with [redacted] today to attempt to tighten up the objectives and procedures of his course since CIA provides so much of the coverage that it could easily be interpreted by the audience as an Agency course, and as such is going to leave a definite impression of Agency capabilities in this field.

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3. In November [redacted] had a discussion with members of the staff of the Operations Course on the subject of assistance which SIC might be able to render to the Operations Course in the live problem in Communist Party penetration. Following up this discussion [redacted] is now preparing supplementary material to be added to the existing problem briefing material. The aim is to make the problem situation as indicative as possible of current organization, methods and activities of an underground Communist Party working in an environment such as that found in the live problem. Specifically, SIC is preparing the following items (more or less fictional depending on the needs and information available):

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a. A short brief on the Communist Party of the United States in 1955 (with emphasis on the underground experience of that party).

b. A report on the situation in the Communist Party in Virginia and on leftist movements in Virginia during the period 1955-1957.

c. An article published in neutral newspaper purportedly containing a statement of aims and position by the leadership of the Communist Party of Virginia.

We hope that this material will add to the realism of the problem and to the resources for potential operational exploitation available to both the students and the instructors.

4. Non-Agency Presentations:



5 January - FSI-EOD

"Philosophical and Economic Concepts of Communism"

4 January - NIS

"Theory and Principals of Communism"

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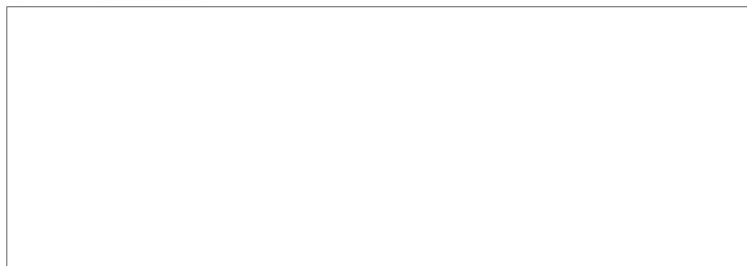
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5. Tutorial Training:



PM - 4 January
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